

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 9/2/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for psychiatric diagnostic interview 90801, psychiatric evaluation of hospital records - 90825 and preparation of report - 90889 delivered 5/5/03 and denied by the carrier for lack of preauthorization.

II. RATIONALE

Rule 134.600 (b)(1) states, "The insurance carrier is liable for all reasonable and necessary medical costs relating to the health care required to treat a compensable injury... when...

- (B) preauthorization of any health care listed in subsection (h) of this section was approved prior to providing the health care;"

Rule 134.600 (h) states, health care requiring preauthorization includes...(i)

- (4) all psychological testing and psychotherapy, repeat interviews, and biofeedback; except when any service is part of a preauthorized or exempt rehabilitation program;

The requestor disputes that preauthorization was required because they did not consider the service "testing" but instead an intake interview.

The report of 5/5/03 from the requestor states, "Provisional Diagnosis: ... anxiety disorder not otherwise specified, reactive... sleep disorder, insomnia type, due to injury... Global assessment of functioning (GAF) scale score: 55... Axis IV: 3, moderate. Injury, mood symptoms and psychosocial stressors impacting her occupational and social functioning..."

The requestor did not make clear what records were examined, what tests were ordered or who reviewed the records. The "Provisional Diagnosis... Global Assessment of Functioning Scale Score... and psychosocial stressor scale score..." indicate testing which requires preauthorization. On this basis, reimbursement is not recommended for the disputed services.

III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for psychiatric diagnostic interview 90801, psychiatric evaluation of hospital records - 90825 and preparation of report – 90889.

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 9th day of January 2004.

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